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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, relative to appointment of volunteers to issue citations for unauthorized use of handicapped parking or placards.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 55, Chapter 21, Part 1, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) A law enforcement agency authorized to enforce parking laws may appoint a volunteer to issue a citation for violations of Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-108, or an ordinance dealing with parking privileges for handicapped persons.

(b) A volunteer appointed under this section shall be either a disabled veteran or a physically handicapped person as designated in Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 55-21-106(a), and at least twenty-one (21) years of age. The law enforcement agency appointing a volunteer may establish any other qualifications the agency deems desirable.

(c) Any agency appointing a volunteer shall provide training before authorizing a volunteer to issue citations.

(d) A citation issued by a volunteer appointed under this section shall have the same force and effect as a citation issued by a law enforcement officer for the same offense.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect July 1, 1995, the public welfare requiring it.

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